



### **Testimony of Self Storage Industry Per: RB 6620**

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The Self Storage Association appreciates this opportunity to comment on RB 6620. This bill makes important technical changes to Connecticut law designed to provide self-service storage facility operators with clear procedures for dealing with motor vehicle that have been abandoned on the premise by tenants.

Under current law self service storage facility operators have a lien on personal property but do not have adequate procedures for the sale or other disposition of titled motor vehicles. Garage owners, towing companies and other businesses that take involuntary possession of motored vehicles are currently able to work with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and sell or dispose of abandoned motor vehicles. Self storage operators under current law do not have such procedures. This bill provides self-service storage facility operators clear guidelines for handing this difficult problem.

The goal of this bill is to protect the interest of the vehicle owners, secured parties and the self storage operators. The interests of vehicle owners and secured parties are protected by a procedure that is conducted in cooperation with and under the supervision of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The bill provides self storage operators with procedures that they need for the sale or disposition of motor vehicles which have been abandoned by the tenants.

RB 6620 is much needed legislation and the Connecticut Self Storage Association and national Self Storage Associations urge you to take affirmative action on this bill.